

## **LIEUTENANT COLONEL MILFORD C. NICHOLS**

Lt. Col. Milford C. Nichols was born March 4, 1961, in St. Augustine, Fla. His family later moved to Smyrna, Ga., where he grew up and attended elementary through high school. He began his military career on April 6, 1980, enlisting in the 159th MI Company of the Georgia Army National Guard. He graduated in 1983 from North Georgia College with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Political Science and on Jan. 10, 1986, was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Armor.

Nichols completed the Armor Officer Basic Course in 1987. His assignments include Tank Platoon Leader with Company A, 2/103rd Armor Battalion, and Scout Platoon Leader with Troop A, 1/ 278th ACR. After being mobilized with the 48th IN BDE (Mech) for Operation Desert Storm in Nov. 1990, Nichols joined Company A, 1/108th Armor Battalion and held the positions of Platoon Leader and Executive Officer. He later served as Battalion S2 and as a Plans Officer at Headquarters Georgia STARC Joint Operations. In early 2000, he transferred into the Army Reserve and later took command of the 343rd Quartermaster Company. In April 2003, Nichols was deployed to Kuwait as the commander of the 310th Chemical Company (Biological Detection). Nichols' other US Army Reserves assignments include the following positions: Assistant Operations Officer (S-3), Battalion Tactical Intelligence Officer (S-2), Commander, Executive Officer, Mobilization Branch Chief, and Deputy ACSG-1.

Nichols military education includes: Armor Office Basic Course, Tank Commander Certification Course (M1IP/M1A1), Air load Planner's Course, Junior Officer Maintenance Course, Armor Officer Advance Course, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Leader's Course, National Training Center OPFOR Academy, Company Level Pre-Command Course, Combined Arms Services School, Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Defense Course, Reserve Component Chemical Officer Advance Course, and United States Army Command and General Staff Course. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Bronze Hourglass, "M" Device and Numeral 2), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Southwest Asia Service Medal.